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Home Schooling for the Differently Abled
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of differently abled children in the country receiving home schooling in the country; and
(b) the number of them out of need/ preference instead of absence of choice due to inaccessible public transport?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a): Currently, 143823 children with special needs (CWSN) are being provided home schooling under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
(b): Under SSA, home-based education is provided to those children who have severe intellectual and physical disabilities and who cannot access neighbourhood school owing to their condition. Home-based education is provided to that child, who after a comprehensive assessment by a team of doctors and specialists is recommended home schooling. It is not given due to preference or because of absence of choice due to inaccessible public transport. Transport and escort facilities are provided to CWSN under the programme to facilitate their access to a neighbourhood school. Under the SSA, 1.94 lakh CWSN and 1.70 lakh CWSN were provided transport support and escort support respectively during 2015-16.